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FIFTY PEOPLE DROWNED

A FEARFUL LOSS OF LIFE ON LAKE MICHIGAN

**The Steamer Vernon Wrecked and Goes
Down Carrying With it All Her Passengers**

CHICAGO, Ill., Nov. 1.—The large passenger steamer Vernon, of the Northern Michigan line, went down in Lake Michigan during Saturday's fearful storm, on her return from northern ports. Fragments of her have been picked up, but it is not believed that a single soul escaped. As no register of passengers was kept the loss is unknown, but is estimated at fifty persons.

The last place the Vernon stopped was at Northport, where she took on a load of staves for Milwaukee. The steamer cost \$65,000, and some claim that to attain great speed her builders had sacrificed stability.

Capt. Moran, of the steamer Superior, passed some of the passengers and crew of the ill fated Vernon, who were in a yawl, but could do nothing for them, as the Superior was badly disabled. It was bitter cold on the lake, and it is not likely any who chanced to escape in small boats could survive the night.

Late last night the schooner Blazing Star arrived in Chicago and reported having passed through a great quantity of wreckage at 1 o'clock Saturday afternoon. The crew counted the bodies of ten dead men, each with a cork life preserver strapped around it. They also saw a living man perched on top of the roof of a cabin. He was shouting for help, but although his cries could be distinctly heard the crew of the vessel say they were powerless to render any assistance. The schooner Horace H. Badger passed through the wreckage later in the day and sighted two bodies.

Probably not less than thirty and perhaps fifty persons perished with the steamer. The exact number may never be known. Only one list of the passengers and crew was kept, and that was aboard of the Vernon. There is no survivor to tell the story. The managers of the line say the crew numbered between twenty-three and twenty-six, and they know the names of only eight. Wheelmen, firemen and deck-hands are changed so frequently that no effort is made to keep a list of them.

The following is a revised list of the lost:
 Clifford Baumgras, of Chicago, passenger.
 Mrs. Sarah Durkin, of Chicago, passenger.
 Miss Kate Gallagher, of Macinac Island,
 passenger.
 Mrs. Dunleavy, of St. James, Beaver Is-
 land, passenger.
 Capt. George Thorpe, of Ogdensburg, N.
 Y., master.

Capt. John Sullivan, of Chicago, mate.
Capt. Higgins, of Chicago, second mate.
P. W. Burke, clerk, eldest son of one of
the owners of the line.
Charles Marrau, first engineer.
Frank M. Hall, of Chicago, second en-
gineer.

Martin Beau, steward.
Henry Beau, porter, a brother of Martin.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

**Cincinnati Visited by Another Big Blaze,
\$150,000 Loss.**

CINCINNATI, Nov. 1.—A very destructive fire broke out at 1:40 p. m. in the cellar of the American Cotton Oil Stock company's building, on Sixth street, between Cuivert and Broadway. The flames were first discovered issuing from a portion of the cellar where three hundred-barrel tanks of oil were stored. An alarm of fire was at once sounded and was followed by a general

turned in, and was followed by a second and third alarm combined, calling all the engines in the city, except the reserves, to the rescue. It was soon found that nothing could be done towards saving the building as the fire was very intense, owing to the vast amount of crude and refined oil stored on every floor and in the two cellars of the immense building. The flames shot upward in vast volumes, forming a terrible fiery pile which it was impossible to approach, owing to the immense heat. The spectacle

The structure which was thus being consumed was four stories in height, besides the two bellars, and covered an area of one hundred and fifty feet by sixty in size. There was an immense quantity of oil in stock, worth fully \$50,000, all of which went up in a vast sea of flame. The burned building with contents was valued at \$150,000 and is only partially insured. The policies are mostly placed in Globe and New York insurance companies.

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